

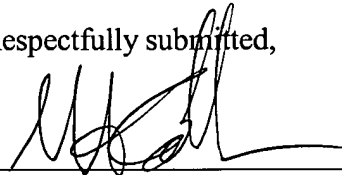
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment sets forth the status of independent claim 38 and its dependent claims 21, 23-24, 35-37, 39-41, 50, 55-58, 61 and 63. It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in a condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned counsel, if necessary.

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